



MECKLENBURG COUNTY - Air Quality Commission -

Monday, April 27, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Ed Woods Conference Room
First Floor, Hal Marshall County Services Center
700 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC

The monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality Commission was held Monday, April 27, 2015, in the Ed Woods Conference Room, Hal Marshall Center, 700 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC.

Air Quality Commission Members Present

Peter McGrath	Marcus Hackler	Jamie Watts	Gordon Miller	Terry Lansdell
Fern Paterson	Lauren Billheimer	Cindy Hauser	DeAndrea Salvador	

Air Quality Commission Members Absent

Keith Long

Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Leslie Rhodes	Jason Rayfield	Lexin Murphy	Megan Green	Ieshishua Pierce
Jeff Francis	Jennifer Fickler			

Guest

Regina Guyer, UNCC	Lindsay Matthy, UNCC	Brian Adair, Geosyntec
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1. Call to Order

Chair Peter McGrath called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair McGrath opened the floor for the Approval of the March AQC meeting minutes.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to approve the March AQC meeting minutes as written.

Made: The motion was made by Gordon Miller and seconded by Lauren Billheimer.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

DeAndrea Salvador arrives at 5:35 p.m.

3. Public Comments to the Air Quality Commission (AQC)

Action Required: Open Public Comment Period

Members of the public wishing to speak during the meeting should sign in with the Air Quality Commission secretary prior to the meeting.

A. Air Quality Permit Reviews

Public comment on the proposed permits will be received at this time. The Air Quality Commission opens public comment for air quality permit reviews per Mecklenburg County Air Pollution Ordinance, Regulation 1.5213 – “Action on Application; Issuance of Permit”. Inclusion on the AQC agenda does not imply or infer any action or opinion by the AQC or its members regarding any permit.

Chair McGrath, opened the public comment period for the facilities below, providing notice of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality’s intent to issue/modify their air quality permit(s):

Facility Name	Facility Address	Action Type
Duke Energy (McGuire Nuclear Station)	12700 Hagers Ferry Road; Mailcode MG1EM, Huntersville, NC 28078	Open Public Comment
The Pantry, Inc (Kangaroo Express 1654)	3860 W Arrowood Rd, Charlotte, NC 28273	Open Public Comment
Cedar Peaks Enterprises – Charlotte Airport	4041 Sentry Post Road, Charlotte, NC 28208	Alternative Notice
SCR-Tech, LLC	11707 Steele Creek Road, Charlotte, NC 28273	Alternative Notice

See the “Review of Air Quality Permits” for additional information about the permits above.

Jason Rayfield, Air Quality Program Manager, was available to answer questions

B. General Comments to the Commission

No public comments

Jamie Watts arrives at 5:39 p.m.

4. Updates and Presentations

Action Required: None, information only

A. Announcements

Clean Air Carolina Events Update

Terry Lansdell informed the AQC that Clean Air Carolina hosted the first-ever NC BREATHE conference in Raleigh. The conference was a success with one hundred and twenty attendees at the event. Clean Air Carolina is looking to make this a yearly event.

The AQC members were also given an update on the 5K for Clean Air event that was held on Saturday, April 25th. There were three hundred participants for this event.

State Permitting Exemption Rule Revisions Update

The AQC members were informed that the North Carolina Division of Air Quality (NCDAQ) has received public comments concerning the State Permitting Exemption Rule Revisions. NCDAQ is currently reviewing the public comments and will present alternative rule options to the EMC-AQC in May. A draft of the rule is expected in July.

P&E Spring Workshop

Jason Rayfield thanked Gordon Miller, DeAndrea Salvador and Terry Lansdell for attending the 2015 P&E Spring Workshops. Gordon Miller, DeAndrea Salvador and Terry Lansdell acknowledged the great job that MCAQ staff did with the compliance workshop. It was stated that there were thirty people that attended the two workshops; this represent twenty-one permitted facilities. The AQC members were informed that the presentations from the workshops are available on the MCAQ website.

GRADE for Landfills Update

Megan Green, Mobile Source Program Manager, informed the AQC members that a call for projects has been opened for the GRADE for Landfills project. The call for projects will run through June 30th. The AQC members were given a flyer. It was stated that the flyer had been mailed to all permitted solid waste facilities in the Charlotte region. This information will also be presented on May 7th at the Regional Solid Waste Managers meeting.

#MowGreenCLT Social Media Campaign

The AQC members were given a flyer for the MowGreenCLT social media campaign that focuses on electric lawn equipment. It was explained that anyone who posts, tweets and/or tags, why they need an electric lawn mower with the #MowGreenCLT, is eligible for to win. The campaign will run through May 20th. There will be weekly prize drawings for an electric leaf blower and the grand prize drawing for an electric lawn mower will be selected on May 21st.

Generation Nation

Leslie Rhodes thanked Terry Lansdell for attending the Generation Nation event. This event was held for a group of High School Freshmen and Sophomores participating in Youth Leadership Charlotte Mecklenburg. Terry represented the Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan at the event.

Sustain Charlotte Award

Terry Lansdell informed the AQC members that he won the 2015 Outstanding Leader of the Year Award from Sustain Charlotte.

[Handouts: GRADE for Landfill postcard; #MowGreenCLT card]

B. Short-Haul Fleet Research Presentation

Jennifer Fickler, Air Quality Specialist, provided the AQC members with a brief overview of the short-haul fleet research project. The AQC members were informed that MCAQ and UNCC are working together on this research project; which is aimed at finding ways to reduce NOx emissions from on-road short-haul diesel fleets in the Charlotte area.

Lindsay Matthy, Graduate Student from UNCC, was called upon to give a presentation that provided two case studies on successful emission reduction programs from other areas of the country and findings from research on local short-haul fleets.

C. Monitoring Network Assessment

Jeff Francis, Air Monitoring Program Manager, provided a progress report on the development of our 5-year Network Assessment required by 40 CFR §58.10(d). The AQC members were given a handout that provided a summary of findings for the ambient air quality monitoring 5-year network assessment. The handout provided data for the monitoring stations in

Mecklenburg County for Ozone, PM2.5, Carbon Monoxide, Sulfur Dioxide, Nitrogen Dioxide, PM10 and Lead.

It was stated that the MCAQ network consists of one National Core (NCore) multi-pollutant monitoring station and five State and Local Air Monitoring Stations (SLAMS). The U.S. EPA has set National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for six air pollutants. It was stated that the full report will be available on the MCAQ website.

[Written handout: Summary of Findings (Ambient Air Quality Monitoring 5-Year Network Assessment)]

D. Election of Vice Chair

Chair McGrath informed the AQC members that Gordon Miller and Marcus Hackler were nominated to be the AQC Vice Chair. There was a closed ballot vote and Marcus Hackler was elected to be the AQC Vice Chair by majority vote.

E. Directors Remarks

Leslie Rhodes informed the AQC members that MCAQ had purchased a recognition award for Keith Long for his years of service as the AQC Chair.

5. Next Meeting – Note: The May meeting falls on Memorial Day.

There was some discussion about moving the date for the May AQC meeting. A motion was made to move the May AQC date.

Action Taken

Motion: A motion was made to reschedule the May AQC meeting to May 18th instead of May 25th.

Made: The motion was made by Jamie Watts and seconded by Terry Lansdell.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

6. Adjournment

6:45 p.m.

Mecklenburg County will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. Mecklenburg County will make reasonable accommodations in all programs to enable participation by an individual with a disability who meets essential eligibility requirements. Mecklenburg County programs will be available in an integrated setting for each individual. If accommodations are necessary for participation in any program or services, participants are encouraged to notify staff.